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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Dissemination of National Intelligence Estimates

REFERENCE : USIB-D-2.1/20, 29 August 1969
(Memorandum for USIB Principals)

1. In opening the discussion on this subject during the executive session at the 2 October Board meeting the Chairman noted that in August (see reference) he had requested each USIB Principal to review two questions regarding this subject:

a. The large number of copies of estimates being disseminated.

b. The practice of quoting or extracting information from national intelligence estimates in other documents or messages, particularly those going overseas.

2. In regard to question a. above, the CIA, NSA and DIA Members reported that they would be able to reduce significantly the number of copies distributed within or by their respective departments or agencies. Mr. Helms commented that these reports were most encouraging and thanked the Board Members for their cooperation. In order to hold down the distribution of NIEs he requested that each USIB Principal continue to give attention to this problem, and that the Board review the situation periodically.*

*Subsequent to the meeting [REDACTED] asked the USIB Secretariat to transmit his request that each USIB Principal furnish the Secretariat within a few days their requirements for normal distribution for the following: (1) SECRET NIEs, (2) SECRET SNIEs, (3) TOP SECRET NIEs, (4) TOP SECRET SNIEs, (5) ALL SOURCE NIEs and (6) NIPPs.

[REDACTED] noted that special restricted dissemination will continue to be determined on an ad hoc basis.

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3. Regarding question 1. b. above the Chairman indicated that he wished to achieve better coordination and control over this practice, but that he did not intend that it be prohibited. Specifically, he requested that each USIB Member department or agency check with the Office of the DCI in advance, even by telephone if necessary, regarding any quotations or extracts from NIEs which they proposed to use in documents or messages to individuals who would not otherwise have access to these estimates. Mr. Helms explained that this procedure would be helpful in making it possible to:

- a. Know what was being done.
- b. Raise the flag if there were any particularly sensitive problems involved.

He stated that this request was not intended to apply to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense if they felt the need were urgent. Mr. Helms concluded his remarks by noting that hard and fast rules were difficult to apply in this regard and that the rule of reason should prevail.

4. The Board then concurred in the Chairman's request that the Executive Secretary of USIB should be informed in advance of any proposal to quote or extract information from a National Intelligence Estimate in any other document or message which is to be disseminated, particularly overseas, to an individual who would not otherwise have access to the basic NIE. The Executive Secretary will record and coordinate each request as appropriate, checking particularly into the possibility of any sensitive problems which might be involved.



Executive Secretary

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